

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated antibody or fragment thereof that specifically binds to a protein selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a protein consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 147 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) a protein consisting of amino acid residues 2 to 147 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (c) a protein consisting of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit Number 75771; and
 - (d) a protein consisting of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in the ATCC Deposit Number 75771, minus the N-terminal methionine.
2. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 that specifically binds protein (a).
3. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 that specifically binds protein (b).
4. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 2 that specifically binds protein (b).
5. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 that specifically binds protein (c).
6. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 that specifically binds protein (d).
7. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 5 that specifically binds protein (b).
8. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1, which is a monoclonal antibody.
9. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 wherein said antibody or fragment thereof specifically binds to said protein in a Western blot.
10. The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 1 wherein said antibody or fragment thereof specifically binds to said protein in an ELISA.